

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2020-0019
WDID No. 1B86002RSON

MODIFICATION TO WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
and
MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM
ORDER NO. 99-35

For

CALPINE CORPORATION DBA GEYSERS POWER COMPANY, LLC

GEOHERMAL DRILLING MUD AND CUTTINGS DISPOSAL AREA
WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT
(CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)

Sonoma County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, (hereinafter Regional Water Board) finds that:

1. This Order is to amend existing Regional Water Board Order and Monitoring and Reporting Program to recognize a change in a regulated facilities ownership. The existing Regional Water Board Order is Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. 99-35. The new owner of the facility proposes no material changes to the character, location or volume of discharges authorized by the existing Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. 99-35, and none is authorized herein.
2. The Discharger is engaged in geothermal well drilling and exploration, transportation of steam to power plants, disposal of drilling mud and drill cuttings in a waste management unit, injection of geothermal steam condensate from power plants, and injection of disinfected secondary-23 treated wastewater and Clear Lake water from Lake County and disinfected tertiary treated wastewater from Santa Rosa. Steam condensate, treated wastewater, and Clear Lake water is injected into the subsurface steam producing formation for electrical generation. The site is located at 38.814192° N, -122.770267° W, within the Big Sulphur Creek drainage basin and is tributary to the Russian River.
3. The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested parties of its intent to amend the below-listed Regional Water Board Order by substituting therein the current ownership of the facility.

4. A copy of the Draft Order was posted on the Regional Water Board website and was available for public comment from March 13, 2020 through April 14, 2020. No comments were received from the public.
5. This action is exempt from CEQA under Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3).

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. 99-35 is hereby amended to reflect the name change of the site as follows:

Order, Name of Facility

Waste Discharge Requirements
and Monitoring and Reporting Program
Order No. 99-35, The Geysers,
Sonoma County

Owner

Geysers Power Company, LLC
10350 Socrates Mine Road
Middletown, CA 95461

Upon adoption of this Order, all references to Discharger or Calpine Corporation dba Geysers Power Company, LLC – The Geysers in Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. 99-35 shall mean Geysers Power Company, LLC.

I, Matthias St. John, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that this Order is a full, true, and correct copy of the Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on June 18, 2020.

Matthias St. John, Executive Officer